

Church of St. Sebastian
June 5, 2016 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 4, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Richard Musco
-requested by the DiIorio Family

Sunday, June 5, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Beatrice Temkin
-requested by Holly Regoli

11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 6, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 7, Weekday

7:00 am Mass
7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help

Wednesday, June 8, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 9, Weekday

7:00 am Fr. Angelo Moscato, CS

Friday, June 10, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, June 11, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 12, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Michael and Catherine A. Nagle, anniversary
-requested by the Nagle family

Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Mary Shea, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., Carl Robert Dahm, John Haddad, Bob, and Bob K.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BABYSITTING SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

If any parishioner would like to volunteer one Sunday morning from 9 am to 10 am during the summer months (as most of our regular volunteers will be away during the summer), please contact Karin Schrott at karin.schrott@gmail.com or 401-465-7444 for more information. BCI checks are mandatory for all adults working with minors. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

THE JOY OF TOTAL FORGIVENESS

The Greek word for forgiveness is ‘asphesis’ which means to liberate, to release from bondage. It is used when the prison door is opened and the prisoner can go free. “When we do not forgive other, we keep the hurt inside us. The hurt that we hide can even turn into feelings of self-depreciation, as if we deserved it, because we have become convinced that we have no value.

Bill Right clearly saw the *two meanings* of the word **forgiveness**: *being released or pardoned from our offences towards God and man, and being united or released from the power of sin and addiction within us that causes us to sin.* Forgiveness is at heart of the *three main aspect* of God’s *perfect will* for all of us: **LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, AND LOVE OURSELVES WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, and SOUL.**

Forgiveness from God is Grace, Forgiveness from others is charity, Forgiveness from oneself is wisdom.

Forgiveness comes from the very “belly bottom” of our soul. It cannot be superficial but it is emotional. It means to forgive in such a totality that, in a sense, whatever has been done to us does not exist, even in our mind. Somewhere in our hearts there are always dead ends of human relations: something forgotten, something we have put away on the shelf or in the cavern of our soul. Reconciliation has already taken place- the moment we confessed our sins and placed our faith in Christ as savior and lord of forgiveness. **Hebrew 10** proclaims: “under this new plan, we have been forgiven and made clean by Christ’s dying for us and for all”.

The greatest penance that one can do is to really allow oneself to be cleared of hatred, and entered in to the land of forgiveness. When we offer our forgiveness to another, nothing must remain in our heart. Not a shadow, not to speck of sand that remains inimical to the one I forgive. It is totality of forgiveness or none at all. To make a totality of forgiveness we need to prepare ourselves by fasting, prayer and penance.

The Value of Forgiveness

St. Therese of Child Jesus registered about the value of forgiveness in her autobiography “**Story of the Soul**”. She registered “Mary gave thanks because she had been protected from contracting sin, which, according to Therese, is the ultimate pardon. **Therese** herself says, “I know that without God I could have fallen as low as St. Mary Magdalene, and the Lord’s profound words to Simon resound with great sweetness in my soul, the one to whom less forgiven, **LOVES** less, but I know that Jesus had forgiven me more than St. Mary Magdalene, since he forgave me in advance, by preventing me from falling. Ah, if only I could put into words what I feel. Here is an example which will express my thought at least a little. Jesus offers forgiveness to sinners freely, but it is not without great cost of him. I know that without Him, I could have fallen as low as St. Mary Magdalene, and the profound words of Our Lord to Simon resound with a great sweetness in my soul. I know that “*he to whom less is forgiven, **LOVES** less,*” but I also know that Jesus *has forgiven me more than St. Mary Magdalene* since He forgave me *in advance* by preventing me from falling. Ah! I wish I could explain what I feel.

Need for Forgiveness

“When we allow ourselves to remain wounded, bitter, resentful persons, we contaminate not only ourselves but everyone we contact. Our family, our children, our friends, our community, our society, our very world is marred, soiled and degraded.” -**William Menninger.**

-Fr. Francis

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations are now being accepted for our 2016-2017 Religious Education classes. Registration Forms are on our website. Please print out and fill in the appropriate form, either NEW STUDENTS to the CCD program, or RETURNING STUDENTS. The forms and the registration fee (\$30) may be sent to Church of Saint Sebastian, 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 Attn: Ms. Marie Brito. Please return your form and payment as soon as possible especially if you are planning on being away for the summer.

DIAPER DRIVE

Continuing during the month of June, the Community Outreach Committee is holding a "Diaper Drive" to benefit the Little Flower Home in Tiverton, RI. The Little Flower Home, serving Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts, provides comfortable private room(s) in shared apartments or shared homes for pregnant women and their children at no cost for women who are in need, dealing with domestic violence, or under undue pressure. **We are collecting NEWBORN, Size 1 and Size 2 DIAPERS, and SCENTED BABY WIPES.** Please leave your donations in the green bin in the vestibule and as always, the Community Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

MAY 29, 2016

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	54
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 1,916.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 122.00
Total Offertory	\$ 2,335.00

A sincere thank you for your support!

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at www.Parishgiving.org or on our parish website at www.stsebastianri.org.

By the Grace and Providence of God

Fr. Robert W. Hayman

will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary

of his Ordination to the Priesthood

at the 11 am Mass

on Sunday, June 26, 2016

at St. Sebastian Church

57 Cole Avenue,

Providence, Rhode Island.

You are cordially invited to join in

his offering of thanks.

There will be a reception after the Mass

at the church.

Your presence and prayers will be your gift.

The parish will need some help for Fr. Hayman's anniversary. We have need of a few men who will help set up for Fr. Hayman reception. If the weather is nice then the reception will be outside. If the weather does not cooperate we will have the reception in the Church Hall. Also we are in need of a few bakers. I would like to provide homemade cakes and breakfast items for the simple reception following the Mass. If you can help please call the rectory. 751-0196

Saint Raphael Academy is hosting a two-week **summer drama camp** for students entering into 7th, 8th, or 9th grades and have an interest in performing arts. The camp will run from July 11-July 22. For more information, please go to saintrays.org website.

Next week, our parish will take up the **Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign**. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

Do you have leftover Christmas cards? The Outreach Committee is collecting unused Christmas cards for the Catholic chaplain at the ACI to distribute among the 1,000 men incarcerated there. Mother's Day, Father's Day, and blank cards also useful. Please NO birthday cards. If you have unused cards to donate please put them in the marked box in the church vestibule. Thank you.